

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2113–2125, S. Con. Res. 85–86, S.J. Res. 40–42, and S. Res. 264.

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Measures Passed:

National Sustainable Fuels and Chemicals Act: Senate passed S. 935, to authorize research to promote the conversion of biomass into biobased industrial products, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Crapo (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 2862, in the nature of a substitute.

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Congratulating Year 2000 Special Committee: Senate agreed to S. Res. 264, congratulating and thanking Chairman Robert F. Bennett and Vice Chairman Christopher J. Dodd for their tremendous leadership, poise, and dedication in leading the Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem and commending the members of the Committee for their fine work.

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Affordable Education Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 1134, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary school expenses, to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 16), Collins Amendment No. 2854, to eliminate the 2-percent floor on miscellaneous itemized deductions for qualified professional development expenses of elementary and secondary school teachers and to allow a credit against income tax to elementary and secondary school teachers who provide classroom materials.

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Pending:

Robb Amendment No. 2861, to eliminate the use of education individual retirement accounts for ele-

mentary and secondary school expenses and to expand the incentives for the construction and renovation of public schools.

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During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also took the following action:

By 44 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 15), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive certain provisions of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to the consideration of Reid (for Dodd) Amendment No. 2857, to increase funding for part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the Robb Amendment No. 2861 (listed above), on Wednesday, March 1, 2000, with a vote to occur on or in relation to the amendment.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Sylvia V. Baca, of New Mexico, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

61 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—6) **Pages S919, S922**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:39 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 1, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S975–76.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Agriculture, focusing on assistance to producers and the farm economy, after receiving testimony from August Schumacher, Jr., Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, and Keith Collins, Chief Economist, both of the Department of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS—JUSTICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Janet Reno, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

APPROPRIATIONS—LABOR/HHS/EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Alexis M. Herman, Secretary of Labor; Donna E. Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services; and Richard W. Riley, Secretary of Education.

APPROPRIATIONS—ARCHITECT/GAO/OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Alan M. Hantman, Architect of the Capitol; David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office; and Ricky Silberman, Executive Director, Office of Compliance.

APPROPRIATIONS—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for Navy and Defense Agencies military construction programs,

after receiving testimony from Robert B. Pirie, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), Lt. Gen. Norton A. Schwartz, USAF, Deputy Commander in Chief, United States Special Operations Command, Marshall H. Bailey, Director of Support Services, Defense Logistics Agency, Ray Tolleson, Acting Director, Education Activity, and Diana Tabler, Deputy Executive Director, TRICARE Management Activity, all of the Department of Defense.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on military strategy and operational requirements of the unified commands, after receiving testimony from Gen. Wesley K. Clark, USA, Commander-in-Chief, United States European Command; and Gen. Anthony C. Zinni, Commander-in-Chief, United States Central Command.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the Department of Energy's Office of Environmental Management, after receiving testimony from Carolyn L. Huntoon, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management.

FOREST SERVICE BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on the President's proposed budget requests for fiscal year 2001, focusing on the U.S. Forest Service, after receiving testimony from James Lyons, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, and Mike Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service, both of the Department of Agriculture.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation concluded hearings on the President's proposed budget estimate for fiscal year 2001 for the operation of the National Park Service system, after receiving testimony from Denis P. Galvin, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

MEDICARE REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee resumed hearings on certain Medicare reform proposals, focusing on